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**Nancy Friedman Atlas**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Tufts 1971 BS; NYU 1974 JD  
Began Service: August 22, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Dudley Bonsal, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1974-1976)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, Civil Division, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Webster & Sheffield (1976-1978); Attorney, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1982-1995); Shareholder, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1986-1995); Director, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1994-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; Litigation Section, American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; The Association of Attorney-Mediators; Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Chambers of District Judge Hilda G. Tagle**

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**Hilda G. Tagle**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: East Texas State BA; North Texas State MLS; Texas JD  
Began Service: March 27, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, Office of the City Manager, City of Corpus Christi, Texas (1977-1978); Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Nueces, Texas (1978-1980); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Nueces, Texas (1980-1981)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 148th District, Nueces County; Judge, Nueces County Court at Law No. 3

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Kristen Rees** ..... (956) 548-2510  
Began Service: August 20, 2007  
Term Expires: August 2009  
Education: Penn State 2002 BA; Temple 2007 JD

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Began Service: September 2006  
Term Expires: September 2008  
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**Keith Paty Ellison**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Harvard 1972 AB;  
Oxford (UK) 1974 BA; Yale 1976 JD  
Began Service: August 2, 1999  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable J. Skelly Wright, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1976-1977); Law Clerk The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun, United States Supreme Court (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Conner & Winters (1978-1984); Partner, Mayor, Day & Caldwell (1985-1986); Partner, Baker & Botts, LLP (1986-1994); Of Counsel, Caddell & Conwell (1994-1996); Sole Practitioner, Law Office of Keith P. Ellison (1996-1999)

**Current Memberships:** Yale Law School Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; The American Law Institute; Association of American Rhodes Scholars; Council on Foreign Relations; Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

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**Randy Crane**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1965  
Education: Texas 1985 BA, 1987 JD  
Began Service: March 27, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Atlas & Hall, LLP

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Erika Kane** ..... (956) 618-8083  
Began Service: August 2007  
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**Chambers of District Judge Andrew S. Hanen**

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**Andrew S. Hanen**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Denison 1975 BA; Baylor 1978 JD  
Began Service: June 6, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Briefing Attorney The Honorable Joe Greenhill, Supreme Court of Texas (1978-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Andrews Kurth LLP (1979-1986); Partner, Andrews Kurth LLP (1986-1993); Partner, Hanen, Alexander, Johnson & Spalding, L.L.P. (1993-2002)

**Staff**

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**Micaela Alvarez**  
District Judge

Education: Texas 1980 BS, 1989 JD  
Began Service: December 27, 2004  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Board Member, Office of Risk Management, State of Texas (1997-2005); Member, Advisory Board, McAllen-Miller International Airport (1998-2003); Chairman, Advisory Board, McAllen-Miller International Airport (2001); Member, Presidential Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Executive Office of the President, George W. Bush Administration (2002-2003)

**Judicial:** Presiding Judge, Hidalgo County, Texas, 139th Judicial District Court (1995-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Attorney, Atlas & Hall, LLP (1989-1993); Litigation Attorney, Law Offices of Ronald G. Hole (1993-1995); Litigation Attorney, Law Offices of Ronald G. Hole (1997); Litigation Attorney, Hole & Alvarez, LLP (1997-2004)

**Nonprofit:** Member, Board of Governors, McAllen Medical Center (1998-2001)

**Staff**

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**Chambers of District Judge Gray Hampton Miller**

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**Gray Hampton Miller**  
District Judge

Education: Houston 1974 BA, 1978 JD  
Began Service: May 2006  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1978-1986); Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1986-2006)

**Current Memberships:** American Arbitration Association; American Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**David Hittner**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: NYU 1961 BS, 1964 JD  
Began Service: June 9, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 133rd District (1978-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Lynch, Chappell, Allday & Hamilton (1967-1968); Diamond and Totz (1968-1972); Partner, Hittner & Cezeaux (and predecessor firms) (1972-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1965-1966)

**Current Memberships:** The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association; The New York State Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Ewing Werlein, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Southern Methodist 1958 BA; Texas 1961 LLB  
Began Service: May 22, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1961); Attorney, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. (1964-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1961-1964); United States Air Force Reserve (1964-1971)

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